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John C. Gebler *et al.*

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For: *AROMATIC PHOSPHONIUM SALTS AND
THEIR USE AS LABELING REAGENTS MASS
SPECTROMETRY ANALYSIS*

Examiner: X. Xu

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir/Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.